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INFECTION OF BIRD FLU
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether other birds besides hens have also been found affected by bird flu; and

(b) the main symptoms of bird flu?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLI MUDDIN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Birds affected by bird flu may die suddenly or show a range of symptoms (either alone or together) as follows:

i) lack of coordination (including inability to walk or stand straight)

ii) ruffled feathers

iii) difficulty in breathing

iv) loss of appetite

v) depression and droopiness

vi) bluish colouring of wattles and comb

vii) edema and swelling of head, eyelids, comb, wattles, hocks

viii) watery diarrhoea

ix) pin-point haemorrhages (mostly visible on feet and shanks)

x) bloody or watery discharge from nose or beak

xi) sudden fall in egg production

xii) eggs with soft or deformed shells